



SHELTER-IN-PLACE FAQs

HOW LONG WILL THIS LAST?

- IT STARTS AT 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020, UNTIL 8:00 A.M. MONDAY APRIL 20, 2020.

WHAT AREA DOES IT COVER?

- THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

CAN I GO TO WORK?

- IF YOU WORK FOR AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OR OPERATION, YOU MAY CONTINUE TO GO TO WORK.
- IF YOUR PLACE OF WORK IS CLOSED, YOU MAY GO TO WORK FOR MINIMUM OPERATIONS SUCH AS MAINTAINING THE CONDITION OF FACILITIES, FOR SECURITY, TO PRESERVE VALUE OF BUSINESS INVENTORY, FOR PAYROLL AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS,
- IF YOU'RE WORKING REMOTELY FROM HOME, YOU CAN GO TO WORK TO GET THINGS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORK REMOTELY FROM YOUR HOME OR RESIDENCE.

CAN I GO TO THE GROCERY STORE?

- OF COURSE. WE ASK THAT YOU MAKE A LIST AND BUY YOUR GROCERIES AND SUPPLIES IN AS FEW TRIPS AS POSSIBLE—ONCE A WEEK, NOT ONCE A DAY.
- GO TO THE GROCERY STORE ONLY TO BUY FOOD OR SUPPLIES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY, SANITATION AND ESSENTIAL OPERATION OF YOUR HOME, NOT FOR ANY SOCIAL GATHERINGS, SUCH AS MORNING COFFEE CLUB.

CAN I GO TO THE DOCTOR/DENTIST?

- YES. TRAVEL FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IS PERMITTED.
- FOR PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS, CHECK WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER BEFORE TRAVELING. YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SHOULD BE OBSERVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPT. OF HEALTH AND NOT CONDUCTING NON-ESSENTIAL VISITS OR PERFORMING ELECTIVE PROCEDURES OR SURGERY.
- IF HEALTHCARE VISITS AND PROCEDURES CAN SAFELY BE RESCHEDULED, THEY SHOULD BE.

CAN I GO TO THE PHARMACY TO FILL MY PRESCRIPTION?

- YES. TRAVEL FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IS PERMITTED.

CAN I GO TO SCHOOL OR TAKE MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

- SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 17.
- TRAVEL TO OR FROM SCHOOLS IS ALLOWED FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING MATERIALS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING, TO RECEIVE MEALS, AND FOR OTHER EDUCATION-RELATED PURPOSES.

CAN I GET MY HAIR AND NAILS DONE?

- NO. SALONS, BARBERSHOPS, AND OTHER SIMILAR PERSONAL CARE AND GROOMING FACILITIES ARE CLOSED DURING THIS SHELTER IN PLACE.



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CAN I EXERCISE OR WORK OUT?

- GYMS AND HEALTH CLUBS, BEACHES, AND PARKS (NOT INCLUDING WALKING TRAILS) ARE CLOSED DURING THIS SHELTER IN PLACE.
- INDIVIDUAL OUTDOOR RECREATION IS ENCOURAGED. THIS WOULD INCLUDE RUNNING, BIKING, WALKING, OR EVEN SHOOTING HOOPS BY YOURSELF, BUT NO GROUP RECREATION OR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SOCCER OR BASKETBALL GAMES.

CAN I GO SHOPPING?

- YES, BUT ONLY FOR FOOD OR SUPPLIES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY, SANITATION, AND ESSENTIAL OPERATION OF YOUR HOME OR FOR OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE UNABLE TO OR SHOULD NOT LEAVE THEIR HOME.

CAN I VISIT A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME?

- NO. MOST VISITS ARE NOT ALLOWED. FOR THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS, PATIENTS, AND STAFF, VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES ARE PROHIBITED EXCEPT TO VISIT THOSE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING IMMINENT END-OF-LIFE CARE, OR AS OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY THAT HEALTHCARE FACILITY.

CAN I TRAVEL TO VISIT FAMILY?

- SOCIAL GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- TRAVEL IS PERMITTED FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY, OR TO GET NECESSARY FOOD, SERVICES OR SUPPLIES FOR ELDERLY, MINORS, DEPENDENTS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, OR OTHER VULNERABLE PERSONS.

CAN MY UTILITIES BE SHUT OFF DURING THE SHELTER IN PLACE?

- NO. AFTER THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC) ISSUED AN EMERGENCY ORDER PROHIBITING UTILITY SHUTOFFS.
- THE PSC'S EMERGENCY ORDER PREVENTS SERVICE SHUTOFFS, BUT DOES NOT ALLEVIATE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY YOUR BILLS.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE EMERGENCY ORDER AT WWW.MSEMA.ORG/NEWS/PUBLIC-SERVICE-COMMISSION-TO-PROHIBITING-UTILITY-SHUTOFFS/.

CAN I ATTEND MY CHURCH'S PARKING LOT SERVICES DURING THE SHELTER IN PLACE?

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1463, CHURCHES ARE ALLOWED TO HOLD SERVICES FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR LESS WHILE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING BY STAYING 6 FEET APART.
- WHILE CHURCHES ARE ABLE TO HOLD PARKING LOT SERVICES WITH EVERYONE STAYING IN THEIR CARS, WE ARE ASKING THAT SERVICES BE HELD ONLINE AND REMOTELY TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD.

CAN I BE EVICTED DURING THE SHELTER IN PLACE?

- NO. UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1463, ALL EVICTIONS ARE SUSPENDED. HOWEVER, YOU MUST STILL MAKE ANY RENTAL OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE PAYMENTS DURING THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, YOU MUST MAKE THOSE PAYMENTS ONCE THE ORDER IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT.



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I HAVE AN ELDERLY SHUT-IN RELATIVE, MAY I HELP THEM BUY GROCERIES, DELIVER MEDICINE, OR TAKE THEM TO AN ESSENTIAL DOCTOR VISIT?

- YES. TRAVEL IS PERMITTED FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY, OR TO GET NECESSARY FOOD, SERVICES OR SUPPLIES FOR ELDERLY, MINORS, DEPENDENTS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, OR OTHER VULNERABLE PERSONS.

WHAT IF I'M LAID OFF WHILE MY BUSINESS IS CLOSED DURING THIS COVID-19 EPIDEMIC?

- CONTACT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AT [MDES.MS.GOV](https://mdes.ms.gov) OR YOUR LOCAL WIN JOB CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE.
- YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSULT WITH YOUR EMPLOYER.

MY FAMILY REUNION WILL HAVE MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE ATTENDING AND IT IS SCHEDULED DURING THIS SHELTER IN PLACE, MAY I STILL GO?

- NO. ALL NON-ESSENTIAL, SOCIAL GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE MUST BE CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED. THIS INCLUDES GATHERINGS LIKE WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, REUNIONS, AND BACKYARD BARBECUES.

IF A FAMILY MEMBER HAS BEEN QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF A KNOWN CONTACT WITH AN ACTIVE DIAGNOSED CASE OF COVID-19, MAY I STILL VISIT HIM/HER?

- NO. PLEASE CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICIALS ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

I HAVE A COURT APPEARANCE SCHEDULE DURING THIS SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER, MAY I ATTEND?

- YES. COURTS ARE AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OR OPERATION.
- PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND COURT PERSONNEL TO BE SURE OF THE DATE AND TIME, OR TO LEARN IF IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED OR RESCHEDULED BEFORE TRAVELING.

WHAT IF MY CITY OR TOWN HAS ADOPTED MORE STRICT REGULATIONS?

- COMBATING COVID-19 IN MISSISSIPPI IS A JOINT EFFORT WITH FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WORKING TOGETHER.
- LOCAL OR COUNTY AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BEST AND MAY ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES THAT ARE MORE STRICT, AS LONG THEY DO NOT PREVENT ANY ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OR OPERATION AS IDENTIFIED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1463 FROM PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY BUSINESS IS ESSENTIAL?

- ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OR OPERATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 1463. THAT ORDER IS AVAILABLE ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDERS AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](https://governorreves.ms.gov/covid-19).

WHEN I'M TRAVELING, HOW CAN I ESTABLISH THAT I WORK FOR AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OR OPERATION?

- HAVE SOME RECORD THAT IDENTIFIES YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT—SUCH AS MOST RECENT PAY STUB OR ANY LETTER OR IDENTIFICATION YOUR EMPLOYER GIVES YOU.
- IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ASK YOUR EMPLOYER AND/OR REVIEW THE LIST ON EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1463 AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](https://governorreves.ms.gov/covid-19).